



**CHARLES** by the grace of God King of great Brittain, France and Ireland, defender of the Faith, To Our Lovits

Messengers, Our Sheriffes in that part conjunctly and severally specially constitute greeting. For-  
 lameikle as the Convention of Our Estates, taking to their serious consideration the great and  
 imminent danger of the true Protestant Religion, Our own authoritie and peace of Our Kingdome  
 from the treacherous and bloody plots, conspiracies, attempts and practises of Papists, Prelats  
 Malignants, and their adherents, did resolve that for preventing the practises of such this Our  
 Kingdome should presently be put into a posture of defence. And for that effect, by Proclamation  
 of the 18. of August last, did command & charge all and sundry Our Subjects, being fensible persons  
 within 60. and 16. years, to provide themselves with 40. dayes provision, and with sufficient armour  
 of all sorts. And to be in readinesse to make their randevous at the places to be appointed by Our  
 Estates or Committees thereof, within 48. houres after they should be lawfully warned. And  
 now the Committee of Our Estates, understanding that there are great number of forraign forces  
 both horse and foote, with Cannon, and all manner of Ammunition, and warlike provision, presently upon the Borders of this Our  
 Kingdome, ready to make invasion upon the same, when ever they shall think fitting; And finding it absolutely necessary for the safe-  
 ty of this Our Kingdome, that all men be presently put in readinesse, Conforme to Our former Proclamation.

**OUR WILL IS** herefore, and We charge you straightly, and command, that incontinent thir Our letters seen, ye passe to  
 the Market Crosses of all Our Royall Burroughs, and other places needfull, and there by open Proclamation, command and  
 charge all the fensible persons within this Our Kingdome, betwixt 60. & 16. years to repaire sufficiently armed, the footmen  
 with muskets or piks, and swords; & if these cannot be had, with halberts, loquhaber axes, staves and swords, and the horse-  
 men with pistolls, broad swords, and steele caps; or if these cannot be had, with jacks, secrets, steelbonnets and launces, to their rande-  
 vious within the severall Shires *respectively* after specified, *viz.* all within the Burrough of Edinburgh, at *Heriots* Hospitall upon the  
 1. of October next. These of the Sheriffedome of Handinton at Beinston-Moore, the said second day of October next: These of the  
 Sheriffedome of Edinburgh, at the linkes of Leith, upon the 2. day of October: These of the Sheriffedome of Lithgow, at Duntarve-  
 more, the said 2. day of October. These of the Sheriffedome of Berwick, at  
 These of the She-  
 riffedome of Roxburgh, and Selkirk, These of the Sheriffedome of Peebles, at Sheruff-  
 are, upon the said 2. day of October. These of the Sheriffedome of Dumfreis and Annandail at Brunskerth green, beside the Kirk  
 Endall, upon the 6. of October. These of the Sheriffedome of Wigton, with Kircudbright at the Gate-house upon the water of  
 . Upon the 9. of October. These of the Sheriffedome of Air and Ranfrew, at Irwin upon the 6. of October. These of the She-  
 riffedome of Lanerick, at Lanerick-moore, upon the 4. of October. These of the Sheriffedome of Stirlie and Clackmannan, at  
 Brough of Stirlie, upon the 4. of October. These of the Sheriffedomes of Fife, and Kinross at Couper-moore, upon the 6. of  
 October. These of the Sheriffedome of Perth, at the southinch of Saint Johnston, upon the 6. of October. These of the Sheriffe-  
 dome of Forfar, at Clochtow, the 6. of October. These of the Sheriffedome of Kinkardin and Earle Marshalls part of Aberdene, at  
 Gallownesse, upon the 9. of October. These of the rest of the Sheriffedome of Aberdene, at Aberdene, upon the 10. of October.  
 These of the Sheriffedome of Bamff, at Bamff, upon the 10. of October. These of the Sheriffedomes of Elgin, Narne, and that part of  
 Innernesse, on this side of the Ness at Narne, upon the 12. of October. These of Seafort and Lovats division of Innernes, at Channerie,  
 upon the 12. of October. These of Southerlands part of Innernesse, and Caithnesse, at Dornoch, upon the 17. of October. These of the  
 Sheriffedomes of Argyle, Boote, and Dumbarton at Inerara, upon the 10. of October.

And that they meet and convene at the saids times and places, armed as said is, under the pain to be esteemed and punished as E-  
 nies to Religion, Our own Honour and Peace of this Our Kingdome. And Warrant shall be given for taking order with their  
 ons and Estates accordingly. And further We ordain, that the Magistrates within Burgh and the Heritors, or in their ab-  
 their Bailiffs and Factors to Landwart, shall be answerable for the bringing of the whole Persons within their bounds, armed  
 said is to the randevous above-written, and where they have not Arms, that they bring moneys to buy Arms: As also that they  
 a baggage Horse for every twelve men, for carrying victuals, conforme to the former Instructions, and half that number of  
 besides, for carrying Cannon and other things belonging to the train of Artillerie. As also that they bring 40. dayes pro-  
 (for all which they shall have proportionall retention of their loan) for every fourth man of those Persons, they are ordaine  
 to the randevous, as said is, under the said pain. And the whole Persons being met, as said is, We ordain that the Com-  
 of Warre, and Colonels of the severall Shires, take out of the whole body, that shall convene the particular numbers ap-  
 come out of that Shire, or so many moe as they shall think fitting: Who with the whole Gentlemen of the Shire,  
 Horses, shall with all possible speed march armed and furnisht, as said is, to the places following, *viz.* all these benorth  
 west Even, to march to the Links of Leith. And all the rest as they shall receive orders from the Lord General.  
 Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh the 28. of September, and of Our Reigne the 19. year, 1643.